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CONTRACTOR SENTENCED IN TAX CASE

HONOLULU — Robert A. Mounts pled guilty to two counts of filing false and fraudulent statements for tax years 2002 and 2003. He was sentenced before the Honorable Derrick Chan and was granted a deferred acceptance of guilty plea with a five-year deferral. He was ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$9,842, a fine of \$2,000, and perform 100 hours of community service. A freestanding judgment and order for restitution was granted and Mounts is required to make monthly payments of \$275.

Mounts was in the construction industry when in 2002, he became unemployed and decided to open his own business doing general home repairs and renovations. He understated his income on his general excise tax returns for 2002 and 2003 thus committing the offense of filing a false and fraudulent statement. As described in HRS 231-36, filing a false statement is a class C felony punishable by a fine up to \$100,000, a period of incarceration of not more than three years or probation.

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